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## DOUGLAS LIBEL DECISION.

JAIL FOR PEEB.

WIGGING FOR COUNSEL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 14.  
Lord Alfred Douglas was sentenced to six months in the second division.

LATER.  
Mr. Justice Avey, in his summing-up said he did not believe any counsel was ever allowed greater latitude than Mr. Hayes, whose address to the jury was a mixture of diatribes of politicians and vituperation of Mr. Churchill. Mr. Justice Avey emphasised that Lord Alfred Douglas persisted in the libels after their falsehood had been proved in the *Morning Post* action, without the slightest grounds for believing he was telling the truth and his defence was conducted in a most opprobrious manner. He ordered Lord Alfred Douglas at the expiration of his sentence to find surety to keep the peace, particularly towards Mr. Churchill, and, failing a surety, to undergo a further six months' imprisonment.

## BRITAIN'S "ANGLO-PERSIANS"

LABOUR PARTY'S PROTEST.

LONDON, December 13.  
In view of the rumours as to the possibility of the Government selling its shares in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, the executive committee of the Labour Party has requested Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to convey to Mr. Baldwin its opinion that the disposal thereof would be contrary to public policy and in the present circumstances would be improper.

## "A BLOT."

ELLIS ISLAND STATION.

NEW YORK, December 13.

The Assistant Secretary of Labour, addressing the Immigration Conference, advocated further restrictions in immigration. He declared that the acute labour shortage of a few months ago had become an unemployment problem, which threatened to assume menacing proportions. Mr. A. J. Derbyshire, of Utah, a director of the Americanization Council, created a mild sensation by demanding the removal of Ellis Island Immigration station as it was "a blot on the country." He stated he had come from Italy in the guise of an immigrant, and his experience was "one long series of humiliations."—*Reuter's American Service.*

## CASTAWAYS.

"TAIYUAN'S" PACIFIC FIND

ONLY BLOOD TO DRINK.

On a barren Pacific Isle, with a merciless sun beating down on them, and with only the flesh of birds to eat, and blood to drink, 51 marooned Malay women, children, and men, were found in a pitiful plight by the Admiral Oriental steamer, "Taiyuan," when northward bound from Sydney on October 24.

When the "Taiyuan," berthed at Woolloomooloo on her return from the East, a story to which only a Conrad could do justice, was told of the fearful privations of the Malaysians.

October 24 was a day of terrible heat in the Celebes group. Not a breath of air stirred through the heat-laden atmosphere. Not a ripple stirred the placid Pacific waters.

When passing Bird Island, a Dutch possession in the Celebes, according to the "Taiyuan's" officers, it is the custom for steamers to go close to the pyramid-shaped land and blow blasts on the siren to stir the numerous birds which give the island its name. The scene when the birds arise is unequalled. Just before sundown the siren, Captain H. E. Hamilton, master of the vessel, was surprised to see what resembled a flag being waved from the island.

The "Taiyuan" was hove to and a boat put off to investigate. The crew found 51 dark-skinned people dressed only in loin cloths lying about the small beach.

There were old men and old women, young men and young women, and even little half-grown children. The Malay quartermasters from the "Taiyuan" soon had the marooned people's story. They were migrating from one island in the Celebes to another. They had left their island in a large sampan, but the favourable wind had left them.

Drifting with the currents, the sampan had struck Bird Island. Six coconuts, palms had been found, and the fruit consumed.

## ORDERS FROM ABROAD.

LOCOMOTIVE INDUSTRY KEPT ALIVE.

Engineers in the west of Scotland are eagerly awaiting further details of the extensive programme which the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company are to carry out in this district.

For the present the locomotive industry is being kept alive by orders from abroad. Some time ago Messrs. William Beardmore and Co., Ltd., Dalmuir, completed orders for 90 of the heaviest and latest type of the "Prince of Wales" class of passenger express engines for the London and North-Western Section and 20 locomotives for the Great Eastern Section.

Since then the bulk of the work has come from abroad, including locomotives for the Nigerian Railways. These engines were fitted with "cowcatchers" and powerful acetylene headlights, complete with generators, as the track runs through territory in which all manner of wild animals have a fondness for the railroad.

Good progress is being made at Dalmuir in the construction of 35 locomotives, which are being built to the order of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer, and Tritton, consulting engineers, London, for various sections of the Indian State Railways.

Numerous birds had been caught and eaten, and owing to water running out the blood of the birds had been utilised to quench the castaways' thirst. For over a week they had been stranded, and three days had gone by without any water passing their parched lips.

In their crude bamboo vessels the Malaysians got water from the "Taiyuan," and supplies of rice were also given to them.

All offers to take them aboard the "Taiyuan" were declined, and after an hour and a half the "Taiyuan" steamed away on her voyage.

## THE LAST STRAW.

GERMANY ON THE BRINK.

GOVERNMENT'S DESPERATE EFFORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, December 13.  
In a final effort to postpone the announcement of its bankruptcy, the Government of the Emergency Powers Bill imposing additional and very heavy burdens compelling taxpayers to dispose of some of their property in order to pay. Furthermore, taxes due in January for Rhine and Ruhr relief are being collected now but the revenue therefrom will only suffice for a limited period. The Government does not possess further resources and apparently considers that nothing is left but an appeal abroad for a large loan. The form thereof has not yet been settled.

## DIRECT NEGOTIATION.

LATER.  
The Government has decided to ask France to negotiate directly on the Rhineland and Ruhr question. The German Charge D'Affaires will make a statement to the Quai D'Orsay about the matter.

## MEXICAN SITUATION.

COUNTRY CONTROLLED.

NEW YORK, December 13.

The Mexican Embassy states that the Government controls the whole "republic except small parts of Vera Cruz and Jalisco. Obregon's forces already come in contact with the rebels and a battle is expected during the present week. Obregon's final attack is planned against the rebels. Military officers all of ranks, with the exception of General Sanchez-Brada, are fully supporting the Government."—*Reuter's American Service.*

## GERMAN LOAN.

BILL SUSPENDED.

WASHINGTON, December 13.

Senator Len Root, after a conference with President Coolidge, stated he would hold in abeyance his Bill for the appropriation of \$20,000,000 for German relief pending conclusion of an international loan to Germany. He added that he agreed with President Coolidge that any aid to Germany should be on a business, rather than on a charitable, basis.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## LET LUNATICS OUT.

ASYLUM EMPLOYEES' THREAT.

The latest strike threat in Melbourne comes from the employees in mental hospitals. They threaten, in their own words, to "let the mentally afflicted join in the general mix up."

Employees at these institutions have an association, which they call the Hospital Employees' Association of Australia, although it does not embrace employees of regular hospitals for the care of the sick and injured. The State branch council of the association carried a resolution congratulating the police on the stand they are taking, and promising whole-hearted support and financial aid if necessary.

The council adds: "We consider that with a little tact the Government could have easily prevented the great losses occasioned by their attitude. We will consider at our meeting whether we will leave our posts and let the mentally afflicted join in the general mix up due to the broken promises of the present Government."

## OVERHEAD CHARGES AND TEMPERANCE.

A firm of London electrical engineers who make total abstinence a condition of employment, have had their accident insurance premiums reduced to one-half. During the four years, ending December 1931, the percentage of time lost through illness and accident (the period included the influenza epidemic) was only 2.15 per cent. of the total possible working hours.

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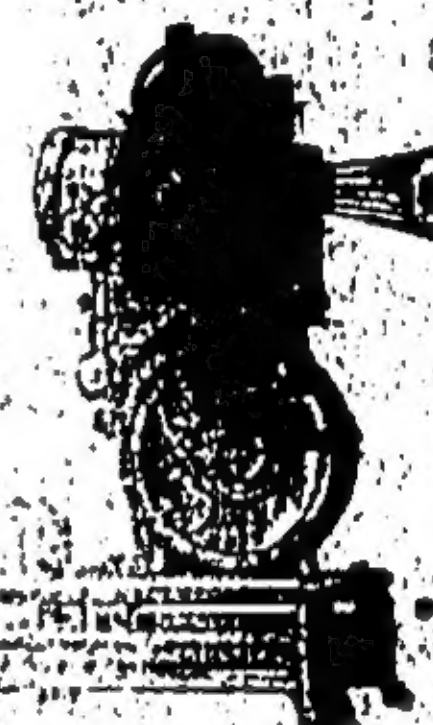
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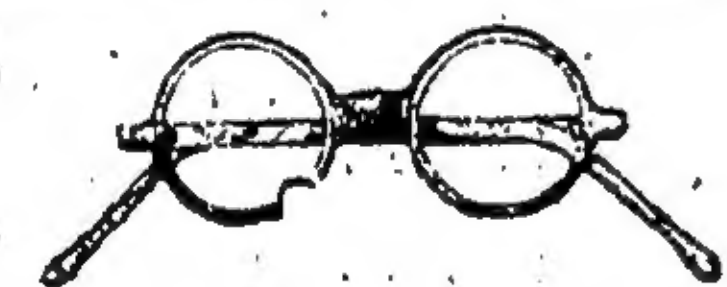
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1923.

## CUSTOMS.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen seems to have  
provided a question that skilled  
dialecticians should delight in, in  
advancing the arguments he does  
in reference to the Canton Customs  
and his avowed desire to have the  
surplus from the Customs collected  
in the Kwangtung Province paid over  
to him to enable him to carry out  
his self-imposed task of "work of  
reconstruction." That we venture  
to think, would also be our desire  
should we be wiser Dr. Sun now is,  
and imbued with his saviour-like  
qualities. Unfortunately, for Dr.  
Sun, the chief and unwelcome  
argument in opposition to those  
provided by Dr. Sun is the one that  
the surplus from the Chinese Mar-  
time Customs is held in trust for  
payments of interest on Foreign  
loans, some of them probably con-  
tracted before Dr. Sun adopted his  
present policy and attitude. That  
fact seems to us to be without the

bounds of contradictory argument.  
In addition, the Government at  
Peking is the recognised one, and  
those in armed opposition to it must  
be considered in revolt. The  
Peking Government is recognised,  
whilst "My Government" at Canton  
is, so to speak, without the pale.  
We have yet to hear that any of the  
many manifestoes which Dr. Sun  
has sent to the representatives of a  
seemingly unsympathetic world  
have been acknowledged in any  
shape or form. That does not mean  
indifference or that Dr. Sun is  
considered a charlatan and a most  
undesirable person. Diplomatic  
opinion on the situation which Dr.  
Sun has helped to create, it may be  
assumed, is all in favour of the  
status quo, commotions and civil war  
which have been such a regrettable  
feature of the Republican era,  
coming to an end and  
to do everything possible to assist  
in bringing order out of chaos. But  
it is obvious that such movements  
must be done constitutionally, with  
past treaties and obligations kept  
well in view.

This would seem to dispose of the  
matter altogether and leave no room  
for further argument. But assum-  
ing Dr. Sun to be an honourable  
man, and possessed of the great  
ambition to purge his country from  
whatever sins or disabilities of  
corruption she may be labouring  
under, and ignoring altogether the  
utterly reprehensible acts alleged to  
have taken place in Canton which

served in a measure to increase a  
section of our philanthropic property  
owners; let us examine the Doctor's  
contentions as shown in his hench-  
man's telegram of a few days ago.  
The main one is that the surplus  
Customs from the district controlled  
by Dr. Sun in the South is remitted  
to Peking where it is used in the  
furtherance of "its destructive  
policy." Another is that:

"There is not and never has  
been any Treaty conferring on the  
Foreign Powers collectively or  
individually the right to inter-  
fere with the Chinese Maritime  
Customs (which is first and last  
a Chinese Government Service) to  
service of the foreign obligations  
charged thereon." Indeed, it is  
admitted by the Foreign Powers  
that the disposal and application  
of the Customs surplus is wholly  
a Chinese internal question."

This probably needs an authori-  
tative answer if it is not met by  
the statement that the surplus is held  
in trust to meet interest on foreign  
loans, and this seems to be the  
general diplomatic view, hence the  
congregation of warships at Canton  
to afford protection, but more as a  
silent warning that Dr. Sun's wordy  
threat to seize the Customs will be  
met with drastic but effective action  
—action it need hardly be pointed  
out, and of which Dr. Sun must be  
aware, that would speedily reduce  
the Doctor's activities and bring his  
regime to an ignominious close.  
Meantime the deplorable state of  
affairs continues; the friends of  
China become despondent; the  
misery and distress which are not  
merely local, become accentuated.  
How long ..... how long!

## Reservations.

The opinion is pretty general that  
Reservations are a necessity and for  
the time being, until we all become  
Taipans, or make a profitable deal  
in land or houses, a desirable and  
absolute necessity. But someone  
has suggested that the question of  
Reservations for those who are not  
millionaires, or of an ostentatious  
obscenity, cannot be allowed to  
remain there. There must be Reser-  
vations for everyone; Reservations  
free from racial distinctions, class,  
colour, or religious prejudices—  
where the soul and the spirit can  
have free play—and where it will  
be "roses, roses, all the way" with-  
out anything extra on the bill at  
the end of the month "and garden  
h. & c." Think of it—our sturdy  
little island, or the foothills (what  
is a foothill?) of the Peninsula  
dotted with these different dinky  
Preservations! Imagine an old-  
time resident or a visitor twenty  
years hence, being shown round the  
place. Naturally he is shown the  
sights—those which attract the  
Housing Committees of the Muni-  
cipalities of the world. The first  
one is naturally the most interest-  
ing, forbidding though it appears,  
for it has barred wire entangle-  
ments. A nervous enquiry elicits  
the statement that this is the Shroff  
Reservation, where are housed all  
the Shroffs, who, feel, as do their  
numerous monthly clients, the  
pinch of things. Here is another—  
less forbidding, but yet far from  
ideal. It is the Compradore Reser-  
vation, where the providers of our  
joys and our sorrows meditate on  
their provisioning of them at such  
low rates and as near to, or as far  
as they can get from the official mar-  
ket rates. There is a Reservation for  
Boys retired from active service—  
all pensioned by grateful Masters  
(who will be found in another  
Reservation)—under, we regret to  
say it, armed guards. There will  
be Reservations for Mah Jong  
players; people who talk of nothing  
but golf, reformers; Robots; and  
people with a grievance. This we  
regret to say it will be full to over-  
flowing, due to the economic condi-  
tions which have driven them to the  
pass they are in. The 40-leasers  
will be in evidence; and of course  
Brokers—but there will not be  
much margin left for them, and  
they will have to be satisfied with  
the Settlement offered them. All  
this will be Elysium. And of people  
it will be said: By their Reser-  
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A girl in Kowloon  
after purchasing some  
bath salts, inquired  
shyly of the assistant  
where they it should be taken be-  
fore or after the bath.

No pantomime.  
Such is the barren  
prospect for  
Christmas in London, and Hong-  
kong. From other parts of the  
country similar reports reach us.

Pantomime, it seems, is out of  
fashion.  
Harlequin and columbine have  
had their day. The clown is a back-  
number. What is the meaning of  
it all?

Is it that there are no children  
nowadays but only dignified  
"young persons"? Are our  
youngest citizens too grown-up to  
enjoy the antics of the comic  
policeman? For ourselves we  
should have thought that, apart from  
the youngsters, there were enough  
Pantomime amongst us to keep the  
theatres going during a good run  
of old-fashioned pantomime.

The staid citizen of mature  
growth will, of course, always  
need the company of the younger  
generation to keep him in  
countenance as he rocks his sides  
over chestnuts that were old when  
he was young but that he will con-  
sent to be cheated of his annual  
visit without some more satis-  
factory explanation than has yet  
been offered, we take leave to  
doubt. In Hongkong rumour  
led us to believe we should  
have a pantomime—but Christmas  
is upon us and there is no sign.

It has been  
WOMEN said that all  
RELIGION, sensible men are  
of the same re-  
ligion and that no sensible man  
ever says what that religion is. So  
all sensible men are of the same  
opinion about women and no  
sensible man ever says what that  
opinion is.

He has a slid-  
ery grip that  
ALL SCOTCH. has an eel by  
the tail.

A sinking master makes aft a  
rising man.  
Friends are like fiddle-strings,  
they mauna be screwed  
over-tight.

Hunger's a guid kitchen tae a  
cauld potato.  
Rather line your joke than tin-  
ner your friend.

The best is aye best cheap.  
Put yer hand twice tae yer  
banneer for yae yer  
pooch.

Sane enuch tae cry "chuck"  
when its out o' the shell.  
Praise without profit puts little  
in the pot.

God send water to the well that  
folk think will ne'er run dry.  
Farthest from the kirk aye  
soonest at it.

Get the word o' soon risin' an' ye  
ay lie bed o' day.  
The bairns speak i' the field what  
he hears at the fireside.

Marry your son when you will  
and your daughter when you  
can.  
Honest men marry soon—wise  
men never.

Hang a thief when he's young an'  
he'll ne'er steal when he's  
old.  
He that winna be counselled  
canna be helped.

He that lends money to a friend  
has a double loss.

The Naval Authorities  
ROBIN, cannot be said to have  
covered themselves with  
glory in giving authoritative news  
concerning the "Robin," and the  
alleged piracy. We do not know  
now if the boat has or has not been  
planted—merely assuming that it  
hasn't. The position seems to in-  
dicate that we have a silent navy in  
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Just, glowing in the darkness,  
The thief should haunt with quiet  
foot, and make his way to  
Or men on evil ground see

Or Wayfarers be benighted;  
Or neighbours bent from house to  
house  
Should need a guiding torch.

He is like a needlewoman,  
Who deftly on a sable hem  
Stitches in gleaming jewels;  
Or, haply, he is like a hero,  
Whose bright deeds on a long jour-  
ney—  
Are bosoms on our way.

And when in the East comes morn-  
ing,  
And the broad splendour of the sun,  
Thou, with the tune of little birds  
Ringing on high, the lamplighter  
Passes by each quiet house,  
And he puts out the lamps.

—WALTER DE LA MARE,  
in "Songs of Childhood."

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

## DECEMBER 14.

1700. The weather and the times  
look very gloomy, and hang  
on my spirits, though I go  
to the Italian puppet show  
(the reigning diversion) to  
exhilarate them.—Gray.

## POETIC FLASH-POINT.

No human being can succeed—  
at any rate, no human being over  
has yet succeeded—in keeping him-  
self at the poetic flash-point, or  
above it, continuously for several  
thousand lines. Probably some-  
thing would happen to him if he  
did, similar to that accident which  
so fortunately befell the Mrs.  
Martha Gwynn of the spitath—

"Who was so very pure within  
She burst the outer shell of sin  
And hatched herself a cherubin."

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised  
in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 14.—Coronet Theatre:  
Jackie Coogan in "Trouble."  
December 14.—Star Theatre:  
Grand Concert and Minstrel Show  
9.15 p.m.

December 14.—World Theatre:  
Priscilla Dean in "The Flame of  
Life."

December 14.—The Grand  
Theatre: Earle Williams in "The  
Silver Car."

December 15.—Theatre  
Royal, Hongkong Amateur  
Dramatic Club presents the famous  
Robot Play the "R.U.R."

December 15.—Dance at Peak  
Club.  
December 18.—Hongkong  
Philharmonic Society, Grand Con-  
cert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at  
Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALES.  
December 17.—At P.W.D.  
Offices, two lots of Crown Land,  
3 p.m.

AUCTION.  
December 15.—Lammert Bros.,  
at King's Building, top floor, office  
furniture, 11 a.m.

December 17.—Lammert Bros.,  
at Sales Rooms, household  
furniture, 2.30 p.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros.,  
property, machinery plant and  
tanning chemicals of the Hong-  
kong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd.,  
at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.  
December 18 and January 4—  
Extraordinary general meeting of  
the Kowloon Land and Building  
Company, Limited, at 5, Queen's  
Road Central, Noon.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary  
meeting of the China Light Power  
Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's  
Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at  
5.40 p.m.

The final performance of  
R.U.R. takes place this evening.

Six American destroyers  
arrived in port yesterday from  
Malibu.

The annual meeting of the  
Royal Hongkong Golf Club is  
advertised to be held on Friday  
next.

It is advertised that the jazz  
band of H.M.S. "Despatch" will  
play at the Palace Hotel to-mor-  
row.

The s.s. "Huanan" has re-  
ported to the Harbour Office light-  
ing a derelict junk four miles to  
the South of Cape Kent Light-  
house.

The teaching staff of the  
Japanese at Canton have assumed  
duty on an assumption that the other  
half of their salaries for September  
will be paid this week.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange on London is 2/3/4  
on Shanghai 60 1/4.

Seven Chinese cases of small-  
pox were reported yesterday.

"Rugger Ruggings" by  
Scrimmage" appear in this issue  
of the China Mail.

Rice, flour and sugar quotations  
will be found in this issue of the  
China Mail under Commercial  
Notes.

Jimah—Rubber Estates an-  
nounce that they have sold for  
delivery in equal quantities  
monthly during the year 1924  
thirty six tons of Ribbed Smoked  
Sheet at the price of 53 cents per  
lb. net.

At 1.30 yesterday afternoon, an  
armed robbery was perpetrated at  
1 Parke Street, ground floor, Yau-  
mat, three men entering the  
premises and getting away with  
property valued at several hundred  
dollars. Two of the robbers were  
armed with revolvers.

Owners of houses on and near  
that part of the waterfront where  
the wreck of the s.s. "Loongsang"  
is being blasted, are still protest-  
ing about the alleged danger to  
their property. It is stated that the  
matter has been brought to the  
notice of H.E. the Governor.

On December 26, the Chinese  
Y.M.C.A. will elect Directors for  
the period of three years. Five  
are required (one third of the  
Board) and the candidates are—  
Dr. Wan Man-kai, Ma Wing-chun,  
Ho Tse-ang, Dr. Chau Wai-cheung,  
Shun Chai-hing, Dr. Fok Wing-kan,  
Kwong Ming-ko, Cheuk Yan-ko,  
Ling Hung-ming, Wong Shiu-pun.

A man who went on board a  
steam launch at Canton and de-  
manded "tea money" to the extent  
of \$60, saying that he was a de-  
tective from the Police Head-  
quarters, was seized by the crew  
and taken to the Police Head-  
quarters. After trial he was sen-  
tenced to death and promptly  
executed.

It is agreeable news to hear  
that the Italian Opera Company, is  
to give two performances at the  
Theatre Royal on Wednesday and  
Thursday when they present  
"Carmen" and "Madam Butterfly."  
Hongkong has thus the opportunity  
of listening to operas by true and  
tried artists who have given con-  
siderable pleasure to hosts of  
people.

Messrs. W. S. Bailey have  
completed to the order of the Po  
On Mining Co. a teakwood  
Tugboat 70 feet in length and with  
compound surface condensing  
engines of 250 indicated horse-  
power. The vessel is fitted with  
three steel bulkheads and with  
raised bridge and wheel house, etc.  
and on trial attained an average  
speed of 10.81 knots against the  
contract speed of 10 1/2 knots.

The Finance Committee of the  
Legislative Council yesterday  
approved the granting of a pension  
of \$25 a month to the widow of the  
fireman who was recently killed  
by the breaking of a turn-table ex-  
tension ladder. The Colonial Sec-  
retary explained that as the man met  
his death in the course of his duty,  
it was proposed to make provision  
for his widow to the extent of two-  
thirds of the salary he had been  
drawing.

E. G. Osborne, trading as the  
Radio Communication Company  
(Orient) was sued in the Summary  
Court this morning by Cheung  
Wah-tung for \$1,000. The claim of  
the plaintiff, who was described as  
a compradore, was for money  
advanced to and paid on behalf of  
the defendant and for three months'  
wages at \$150 a month. Judgment  
was given in favour of the plaintiff  
by consent.

The Coronet, this week pro-  
vides a programme that should  
please the most exacting. Jackie  
Coogan in "Trouble" is an engag-  
ing young person who gets in  
and out of trouble with perplexing  
frequency, but to the delight of all  
Wallace Berry again proves what  
a fine actor he is. In addition,  
Buster Keaton convulsed everyone  
with his eccentricities. Last night  
there was a full house which  
stayed to the end. As usual the  
music was excellent.

The Government has granted  
the use of the Central British  
School at Kowloon, to Union  
Church to carry on work in Kow-  
loon until the projected Church is  
built. Services are to be held in  
the school from the beginning of  
the year. The Rev. G. E. Lindsay,  
Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, who  
is at present indisposed, wrote  
regretting his inability to attend a  
social gathering held at the school  
on Wednesday evening in con-  
nection with the erection of the  
activities of Union Church in Kow-  
loon, but giving a warm welcome  
to Union Church in Kowloon.

## "BISCUITS TO-DAY"

## "NOTHING TO-MORROW"

## GERMAN "MYSTERY SHIP"

PASSIVE RESISTANCE IN THE  
STOCKHOLD.

With only half a ton of coal to  
spare, the Rickmers steamer "Paul  
Regendanz," whose crew were  
reported to have mutinied, arrived  
in the harbour last night at about  
9.30 and was immediately boarded  
by the Dutch Consul-General (who  
is acting as Consul-General for  
Germany), the local agent for the  
Rickmers line and a party of police  
officers, including Mr. P. P. J.  
Woldehouse D.S.P., Inspector  
Angus and Sub-Inspector Bond.

When seen by a China Mail re-  
porter this morning the Dutch  
Consul-General (Mr. L. V. J. de  
Decker) said he was board making  
an investigation until about 1.30  
this morning. It was apparently  
not a case of mutiny but of "passive  
resistance" on the part of about  
fifteen stokers and trimmers who  
complained that they were not  
properly fed. Mr. de Decker said  
he was not able to decide the truth  
of this as the deckhands appeared  
to be satisfied with their food.  
The work in the stockhold  
was, however, more strenuous.  
There was something said  
about a tin of rotten meat which  
had to be thrown overboard but  
that, he pointed out, might happen  
on any ship—British, Dutch, Ger-  
man or otherwise.

In any case, it had been decided.  
Mr. de Decker said, that the ship  
should be sent on to Shanghai  
where the disgruntled members of  
the crew would be paid off and re-  
placed by Chinese. The "Paul  
Regendanz" is a tramp from  
Hamburg and after leaving  
Shanghai she will go on to Japan  
and from thence to Dairen  
and across the Pacific to Panama.  
Trouble appears to have occurred  
earlier on the voyage, while the  
ship was at Port Said. The crew  
objected to being paid in marks  
and the difficulty was finally over-  
come by an arrangement being  
made to pay them in American  
dollars. The ship carries a crew of  
45, all of whom are Germans, and  
she flies the flag of the Panama  
Republic.

That is the Dutch Consul-  
General's official story. From other  
sources it was learned that the dis-  
gruntled stokers seemed to have a  
legitimate "grouse" as they were  
obviously ill-nourished—they com-  
plained that the general rule was  
biscuits and water to-day—no-  
thing to-morrow.

The Master (Captain Fuhrmann)  
is alleged to have threatened the  
Chief Engineer with a revolver, in  
consequence of which it is con-  
sidered probable the latter will  
leave the ship at Shanghai. The  
vessel was only able to proceed at  
half speed because, it is said, she  
was bunkered with bad coal at  
Colombo and she will have to take  
500 tons of coal aboard before she  
can face the journey to Shanghai.  
It is also stated that the steamer  
changed captains at Colombo but  
the Dutch Consul-General indicated  
that in regard this and certain  
other points connected with the  
ship there was a certain element of  
mystery.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Stainfield were pas-  
sengers on the incoming "Yoshino-  
Maru."

Mr. G. H. Potts was a passenger  
on the incoming "President  
Jefferson."

H. E. the Governor and Lady  
Stubbs have accepted an invitation  
to be present at the Police Ball on  
the 21st inst.

Lady Stubbs has signified her  
intention to be present at the per-  
formance of "Carmen" by the Italian  
Grand Opera Coy. at the Theatre  
Royal on Wednesday next.

The November number of  
"Overseas" contains a snapshot  
taken by Mr. Eric Rice of Dorothy  
Barbara Stubbs, daughter of H. E.  
the Governor, and Washington  
Koo, son of Mr. Wellington Koo,  
formerly Chinese Ambassador in  
London.

His Excellency the Governor and  
Lady Stubbs, entertained the  
following to dinner at Government  
House, last night (Thursday), to  
meet Lady Jellicoe, H. E. Major  
General Sir John Fowler, Hon.  
Sir Claude and Lady Severn, Hon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Hon. Mr.  
Stephen, Mr. Fox, Commander May,  
Major and Mrs. Young, Flag Lieut.  
Percy E. N. Lieut. Horton  
R. N., and Lieut. Hall, A. D. C.  
Viscountess Jellicoe and the Hon-  
ble. Lucy Jellicoe leave Hong-  
kong for Manila in the "President  
Jefferson" to-morrow. Mrs. Stubbs  
stay in Manila, where they will  
return to New Zealand in the  
"Tango Maru."







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HIMA MARU .....Thursday, 20th Dec.  
SHUNKO MARU .....Tuesday, 25th Dec.  
BAHONG, SINGAPORE & RANGOON.  
BUCHO MARU .....Wednesday, 2nd January.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.  
MALAY MARU .....Thursday, 10th Jan.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan.  
MANILA MARU .....Tuesday, 8th Jan.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.  
HAYR MARU .....Middle of Dec. From Shanghai  
HIMA-MARU .....Sunday, 16th Dec.  
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.  
KALIO MARU .....Sunday, 16th Dec. at 10 a.m.  
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.  
AMARU-MARU .....Sunday, 23rd Dec. at 10 a.m.  
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.  
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TAKAO and KEELUNG.  
BUCHO MARU .....Sunday, 16th Dec.  
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Dec. 27.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

FROM JAVA.

Dec. 31.—J.O.J.L. Tjilatjap.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 27.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

FROM MANILA.

Dec. 25.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

24.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

FROM SINGAPORE AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 7.—E. & A. St. Albans.

Feb. 1.—E. & A. Eastern.

Mar. 7.—E. & A. Eastern.

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May 2.—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Dec. 18.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Feb. 27.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Mar. 13.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Apr. 9.—B. F. Tyndarous.

20.—B. F. Tyndarous.

FROM SEATTLE.

Dec. 22.—A. O. L. City of Spokane.

Jan. 10.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Feb. 27.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Mar. 13.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Apr. 9.—B. F. Tyndarous.

FROM LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Jan. 1.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM NEW YORK.

Jan. 13.—A. O. L. Eikon.

FROM PORTLAND.

Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. Hannava.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Dec. 22.—J.O.J.L. Oldaker.

23.—H.A.L. Portland.

Jan. 30.—H.A.L. Portland.

15.—J.O.J.L. Sparrow.

FROM LONDON.

Dec. 15.—G. L. Cornwallshire.

27.—G. L. Gleniffer.

27.—B. F. Tyndarous.

28.—P. & O. Kishmor.

Jan. 4.—P. & O. Sicilia.

11.—P. & O. Sicilia.

14.—G. L. Gleniffer.

25.—P. & O. Sicilia.

28.—G. L. Gleniffer.

31.—P. & O. Sicilia.

Feb. 6.—P. & O. Sicilia.

22.—P. & O. Sicilia.

Mar. 7.—P. & O. Sicilia.

12.—P. & O. Sicilia.

21.—P. & O. Sicilia.

Apr. 2.—P. & O. Sicilia.

8.—P. & O. Sicilia.

17.—P. & O. Sicilia.

May 1.—P. & O. Sicilia.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Dec. 18.—B. F. Tyndarous.

22.—B. F. Tyndarous.

26.—B. F. Tyndarous.

27.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Jan. 4.—B. F. Tyndarous.

13.—B. F. Tyndarous.

20.—B. F. Tyndarous.

Feb. 1.—B. F. Tyndarous.

4.—B. F. Tyndarous.

19.—B. F. Tyndarous.

FROM HAMBURG.

Dec. 25.—B. F. Tyndarous.

28.—H.A.L. Rheinland.

FROM COCHIN HARBOR.

Dec. 31.—E. A. Transvaal.

Jan. 6.—E. A. Transvaal.

8.—E. A. Transvaal.

Feb. 4.—E. A. Transvaal.

Mar. 6.—E. A. Transvaal.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 27.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

31.—J.O.J.L. Tjilatjap.

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## VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

### POPULAR GIRL CHRISTIAN NAMES.

This week, we give the second list of twenty girls' Christian names in our popular voting contest. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the name getting the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is not to select the ten most popular names in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discarded.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

### MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. .... Barbara
2. .... Constance
3. .... Daisy
4. .... Diana
5. .... Edna
6. .... Elsie
7. .... Eva
8. .... Frances
9. .... Gertrude
10. .... Helen
11. .... Ida
12. .... Ivy
13. .... Kathleen
14. .... Louisa
15. .... Madeline
16. .... Maud
17. .... Olive
18. .... Rachel
19. .... Sarah
20. .... Sylvia

## CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor  
China Mail, December 14, 1923.  
Hongkong.

Sir,  
I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

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Next Week—Girls' Names Third List.

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Lam Mei Tai	...	...	15
Mushrooms, Fresh, —Shang Tau Ku	...	...	lb
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Onions, Bombay, —Yung Chung Tai	...	...	8
Onions, French, —Shang Ching	...	...	6
Onion, Shanghai, —Sheng-ho	...	...	6
Chung Tau	...	...	6
Parsley, —Kun Toi	...	...	23
Potato, Sweet, —Fai Sun	...	...	5
Japanese, —Fai Sun Tai	...	...	lb
American, —Fa Ki Shu Tai	...	...	lb
Pumpkin, —Tung Kwa	...	...	lb
Radish, —Hung Lo Pak Tai	...	...	7
Rhubarb (Fresh), —Tai Wong	...	...	6
Shallots, —Chong Chong Tau	...	...	6
Spinach, —Lin Tau	...	...	8
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## OPIMUM LAW.

### THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

Contemplated changes in the opium law were explained to the members of the Legislative Council yesterday when the Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill Intituled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Opium.

In the course of his remarks the Attorney General said:—

In the first place all provisions relating to the existence, of an entred trade in raw opium in Hongkong are swept away. In future, if this Bill becomes law, the only case in which the importation of raw opium will be legal will be the case of opium on through bills of lading destined to other places which allow the importation of raw opium—the raw opium in bond for the Macao opium farm and the raw opium for the Superintendent—the two classes of raw opium on a through bill of lading for a country which allows importation, and the case of raw opium for Macao. The Bill deals with, in clause 4, of the Bill and very stringent conditions have to be observed, otherwise the importation will be illegal. For example, the arrival and departure of the opium must be reported fully to the Superintendent. With regard to opium on a through bill of lading passing through the Colony, there is one particular provision, which is of considerable importance, contained in paragraph (f) of sub-section 2 of section 4, which provides that this opium must be accompanied by a certificate in the form set out in the first schedule. That certificate is based on a form recommended by the Opium Section of the League of Nations Advisory Committee and is a certificate to be given by the country of destination stating that the importation of the particular shipment in question into that country will be allowed. That certificate must accompany the opium on the ship and must be produced to the Superintendent. Apart from the three cases in which raw opium may be imported, all dealings of any kind in raw opium are prohibited absolutely. Of course, dealings in prepared opium are also absolutely prohibited, except dealings by or under the authority of the Superintendent.

Another new provision in the Bill is that contained in clause 23 which provides that no opium is to be sent by post, and that the Postmaster General has power to open and detain any postal article which he suspects may contain opium, or which he suspects may contain evidence of some offence against this Ordinance. Then the powers of search on suspicion, as distinct from the general search which takes place on steamers wharves and elsewhere, have been very much increased and widened.

Sub-clause 2 of clause 36 is also new, though a similar provision appears in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. It provides that any person who is proved to have "had in his possession or under his control anything whatsoever containing any opium, shall, until the contrary is provided, be deemed to have been in possession of such opium." In accordance with the policy of the English Dangerous Drugs Acts, it has been made an offence to do any act in aid of and contemplation of any transaction outside the Colony which will be an offence against the corresponding law of that place.

Sub-clauses 3 and 4 of clause 38 deal with the case of conviction of a company or firm of an offence under this Ordinance. In the case of conviction of a company, the directors and other officers are also guilty of the same offence. In the case of conviction of a firm, every partner and every person concerned in the management is also deemed guilty of the same offence unless it is proved that the act occurred without his knowledge and consent.

## CRICKET.

### H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. in their first and second division league matches commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp on Saturday:—

1st XI v. Craggs (League) on H.K.C.C. ground—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), Col. Robertson, A. A. Glyn, R. E. A. Webster, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Laminert, A. C. I. Bowker, E. G. England and A. V. T. Dean.

2nd XI v. R.E. (League) at Happy Valley—H. E. Hollands (Capt.), E. C. Hagen, C. R. Baron, J. N. Owen, R. M. Macalpine, H. Griffin, H. H. Taylor, G. H. Piercy, D. Reid, F. C. Miller and D. E. G. Nicholson.

### UNIVERSITY v. I.R.C.

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a friendly match against the I.R.C. 1st XI to be played at Pokfulam on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), H. N. Balhetchet, E. K. Quirk, M. H. Koffay, A. S. Mett, W. M. Gittins, T. D. Xew, M. B. Osman, C. A. Peterson, S. Hachuma and B. F. Ng.

The following have been chosen to play for the I.R.C. 1st XI:—A. El Arculli (Capt.), S. H. Ismail, U. M. Omar, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Curreen, A. H. Madar, S. D. Ismail, N. B. Kitchell, A. K. Minnu and A. H. Rumjahn.

### I.R.C. 2ND v. VARSITY 2ND

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a league match against the I.R.C. 2nd XI to be played on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—J. L. Youngs (Capt.), D. Lalag, H. Y. Lam, H. Y. Leong, A. T. Barua, M. A. Kyam, A. Hoahm, C. W. Lam, H. Hunt, W. H. Sling and C. F. R. Vicaice.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI:—D. Rumjahn (Capt.), S. R. Khan, E. A. Moosdeen, A. H. M. Sany, M. P. Madar, O. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, V. A. Wahab, S. A. Hamid, E. Moosdeen and A. K. Minnu.

### KOWLOON C.C. v. NAVY.

The following have been selected to play for Kowloon C.C. in their first division league match against the Navy at Kowloon, at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday:—J. P. Robinson (Captain), S. Jex, R. Pestoni, A. W. Ramsey, R. E. Lindsell, L. E. Lammert, F. W. Howell, J. C. Fletcher, L. A. R. Duncan, W. Hyde and R. Earnshaw.

### K.C.C. 2ND v. NAVY 2ND

In the second division league, at Happy Valley, at 2.15 p.m. sharp on Saturday, the following will represent Kowloon:—H. Overy (Captain), E. J. Edwards, O. B. Raven, A. R. F. Raven, W. L. Weaver, C. J. Tacchi, J. C. Long, W. Duck, A. J. Kew, D. S. Green and B. Petheram.

### CIVIL SERVICE v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the Civil Service in a first division league match to-morrow, at Happy Valley, against the R.G.A.—A. E. Wood, G. R. Sayer, R. E. O. Bird, F. J. Ligg, H. E. Nihil, E. E. Reed, D. Evans, R. C. Wittich and F. H. Holdman.

## HOCKEY.

Next Wednesday the H.K.C.C. hope to play two matches, one against the Navy at the U.S.N.C. Ground, and the other at Happy Valley, against the University. This is the first time this season that two H.K.C.C. teams will be playing and we trust members will give them their fullest support. Matches are timed to start at 4.45 p.m. sharp.

## EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

### HONGKONG SECTIONS' PROGRESS.

The first shipments from Hongkong for the British Empire Exhibition have already left the Colony, and within the next few days over 1,000 tons of cargo will be despatched. The Joint Committee recently shipped a quantity of ornamental tiles required to put the finishing touches of local colour to Mr. H. W. Bird's design for the building of the Hongkong Section. The ornamental ridge which forms the principal decorative feature of the Restaurant has still to be completed. The local Joint Chambers of Commerce Committee has written as follows to the London Committee of the Hongkong Section on the subject of the plan:—

"The design commended itself to the committee as making full and effective use of the site and forming a highly attractive design. The one variation that suggested itself was that one of the towers over exit or entrance might be designed as a pagoda tower, and, if it is not too late when this letter reaches you, perhaps the suggestion can be considered. Please convey to Mr. Bird the hearty congratulations of this Committee on the success of his efforts."

### CHINESE RESTAURANT.

In regard to the Chinese Restaurant, it has been possible to obtain a combination of the organization of the best Hongkong establishments. The standard that will be reached is assured by the standing of those in charge. The Restaurant will have a staff of 45, including a band of five. All requisites are being made in Hongkong, i.e., furniture, equipment, showcases and even crockery. The Chinese characters for British Empire Exhibition. The principal partner in the Restaurant Syndicate, who is going to England with the enterprise, has gone to considerable trouble and been subject to considerable risks in travelling through disordered districts of South China in connection with the details of the Restaurant equipment.

Chinese delicacies, etc., will be regularly shipped from Hongkong during the progress of the Exhibition.

### BRITISH EXPORTERS' EXHIBIT.

British Exporters of China-Products are preparing, through the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong, and with the assistance of the Canton British Chamber of Commerce, a typical exhibit of the commodities marketed through Hongkong. It will be remembered that the authorities of the British Empire Exhibition decided that mercantile centres of the Empire, like London and Hongkong, are to be permitted to give an exhibition illustrative of their mercantile activities. In the case of Hongkong, Chinese products, only a small proportion, of which, compared with total export, are produced in the Colony, will be admissible as exhibits.

Mr. T. Petrie, Editor of the S.C. Morning Post, who leaves Hongkong on retirement next year, has been appointed publicity representative of the Hongkong Section in order to secure that the demands for notice by the larger Dominions and Colonies of the British Empire.

Mr. Petrie will also have charge of the Exporters' Exhibit, and it is particularly desired that British firms should get in touch with him before he leaves Hongkong, in order that he may be advised of ways in which he can forward their interests.

A booklet illustrative of Hongkong's export trade is being prepared, and many firms, no doubt, will be able to give expert assistance with descriptions of commodities and so on, and perhaps lend photographs which can be used for illustrating the handbook.

The British Empire Exhibition will afford tremendous scope for trade extension and publicity for Hongkong, and the fullest use should be made of the opportunity.

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## CRICKET.

### NOTES AND COMMENT.

#### INTERESTING LEAGUE POSITION.

So after all it was left to the Navy second string to claim the honour of being the first to lower the colours of the Royal Engineers who have hitherto not dropped a single point in league matches. After their convincing displays, this was unexpected although there were some who insisted that the Sappers had a pronounced batting fall. It would be difficult either to contradict or confirm this by yesterday's game, as the R.E.'s did not field their strongest team in the vagaries of the pitch at Happy Valley, especially after this summer's deluges, do not contribute to ideal batting conditions. One feature may have escaped the notice of the critics, and that is the junior league leaders made fairly big scores till after the first part of November, when it rained for a few days. Their performances so far are highly creditable and I still pin my faith on them as the other clubs have been defeating one another thus helping on their commanding lead. Their league scores are 121 for 7 against C.R.C. 2nd, won by 3 wickets and 89 runs; 182 against the I.R.C. 2nd, won by 47 runs; 164 for 3 wickets against the Varsity 2nd, won by 7 wickets, and 122 runs; 144 against the Civil Service 2nd, won by 50 runs; 69 against Kowloon 2nd, won by 37 runs; 95 against the R.A.M.C., won by 37 runs and 70 against the Navy 2nd, lost by 22 runs. A glance at the averages will show that Redpath, Gandy and Cockell have been mainly responsible for the scores, while their bowling strength is revealed by the excellent figures in the bowling statistics. Their fielding has always been commendable and consistent, and in addition to the trundlers whose names appear there are two others who have good analyses but have not bowled in the requisite number of matches.

This result means that every team in the junior division of the league has been defeated, except the Navy which has just played its first match. At least four teams are in the running for second place, unless the Sappers return immediately to the winning strain, the position will become more open.

The Civil Service retained their unbeaten record by accounting for the Navy, and the three points gained, brings them up to second place, in striking distance of the Indians who head the senior league. There are no changes of importance to record in the senior batting and bowling lists. In the second division, Redpath has regained first place in the batting list as well as the biggest aggregate. The R.E. trundlers all improved their averages and Redpath has given way to Middleton, so that both junior lists are headed by R.E. men. The league averages, which include yesterday's match, follow.

## BATTING.

### FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
A.A. Rumjahn (U.)	110	154	77.00	
A. El Arculli (L.)	4	34	71.00	
Witchell (C.S.)	2	58	61.00	
Hen (U.)	2	56	56.00	
More (H.K.)	2	97	48.00	
Sayer (C.S.)	3	107	42.00	
Ismail (U.)	5	32	16.40	
Balhetset (U.)	2	74	38.00	
Quick (U.)	2	23	34.00	
de Rome (C.S.)	2	52	31.50	
S.H. Ismail (C.)	5	50	15.30	
Ramsey (K.)	2	29	56.00	
Sutherland (C.S.)	3	44	28.00	
Duncan (K.)	2	25	26.00	
Ng Sz-kwong (C.R.)	4	47	21.75	
Williams (R.A.)	3	36	21.66	
J. S. Curreen (L.)	3	41	20.66	
A. E. Wood (C.S.)	3	45	20.33	

### SECOND DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
Redpath (R.E.)	6	95	244	48.80
O. Rumjahn (L.)	6	67	178	44.50
Hagen (H.K.)	4	47	122	40.66
Harper (C.S.)	7	60	228	38.00
A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.)	4	106	143	35.75
H.D. Rumjahn (L.)	14	65	87	20.00
Mark (H.K.)	3	53	80	26.66
Reid (H.K.)	5	65	103	23.75
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	6	44	154	25.67
D. Rumjahn (L.)	5	58	78	23.33
Piercy (H.K.)	3	40	68	22.66
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	6	39	130	21.67
Gandy (R.E.)	6	36	127	21.17

## BOWLING.

### FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Best Bowling	Aggregate	Average
L. Hume (H.K.)	8	5	372	46.50
Bank (H.K.)	8	5	250	31.25
Owen (U.)	9	5	200	25.00
Hip (C.S.)	3	3	62	20.66
Sayer (C.S.)	10	7	200	20.00
A. H. Arculli (L.)	10	7	200	20.00
A. H. Madar (L.)	4	0	82	20.50

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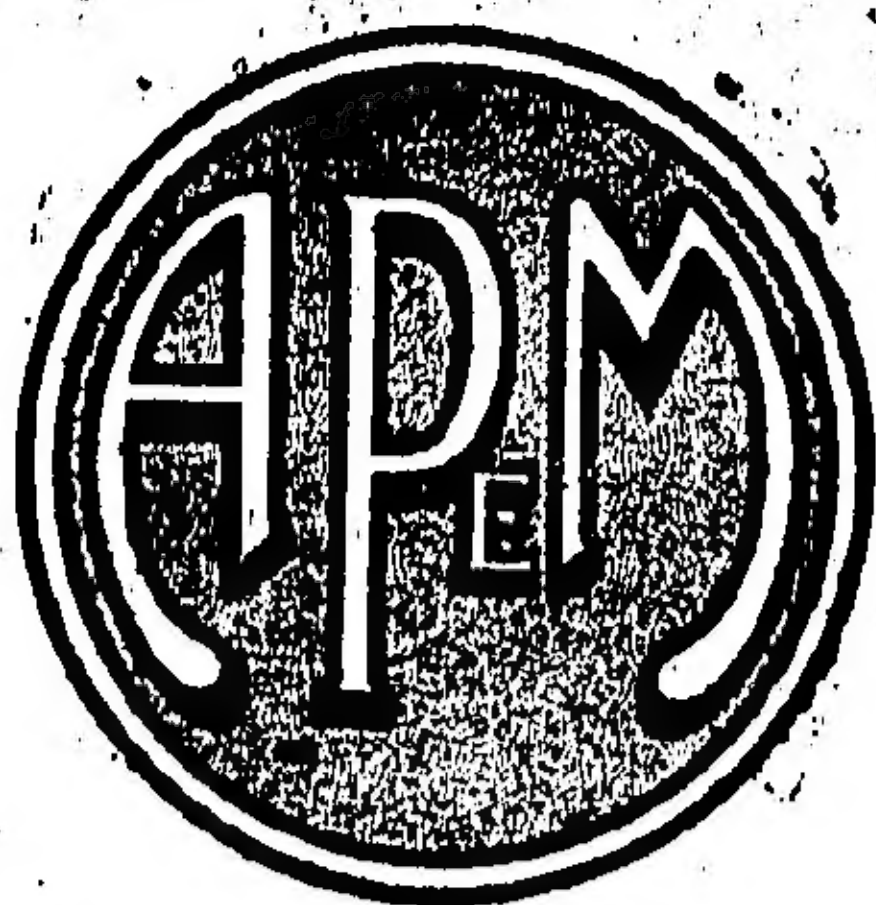
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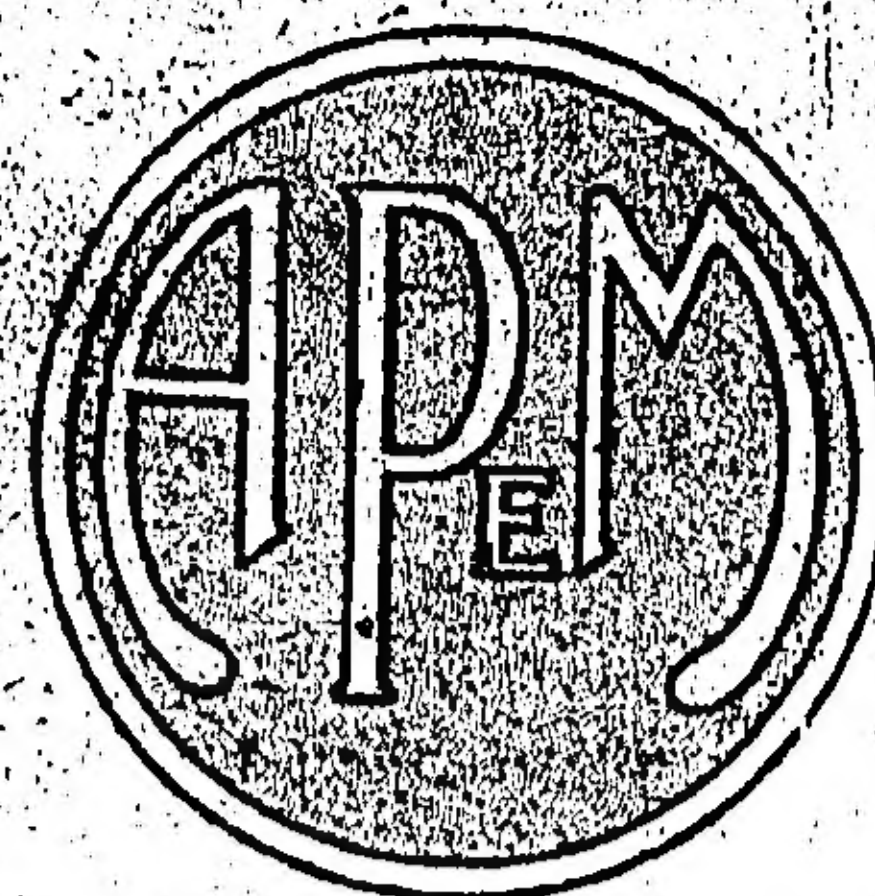


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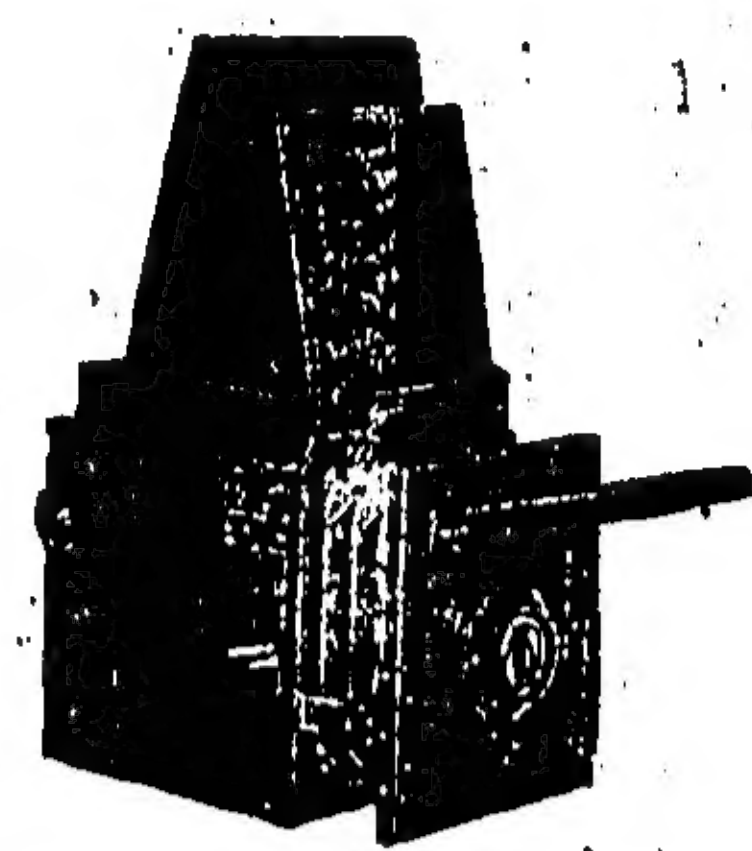
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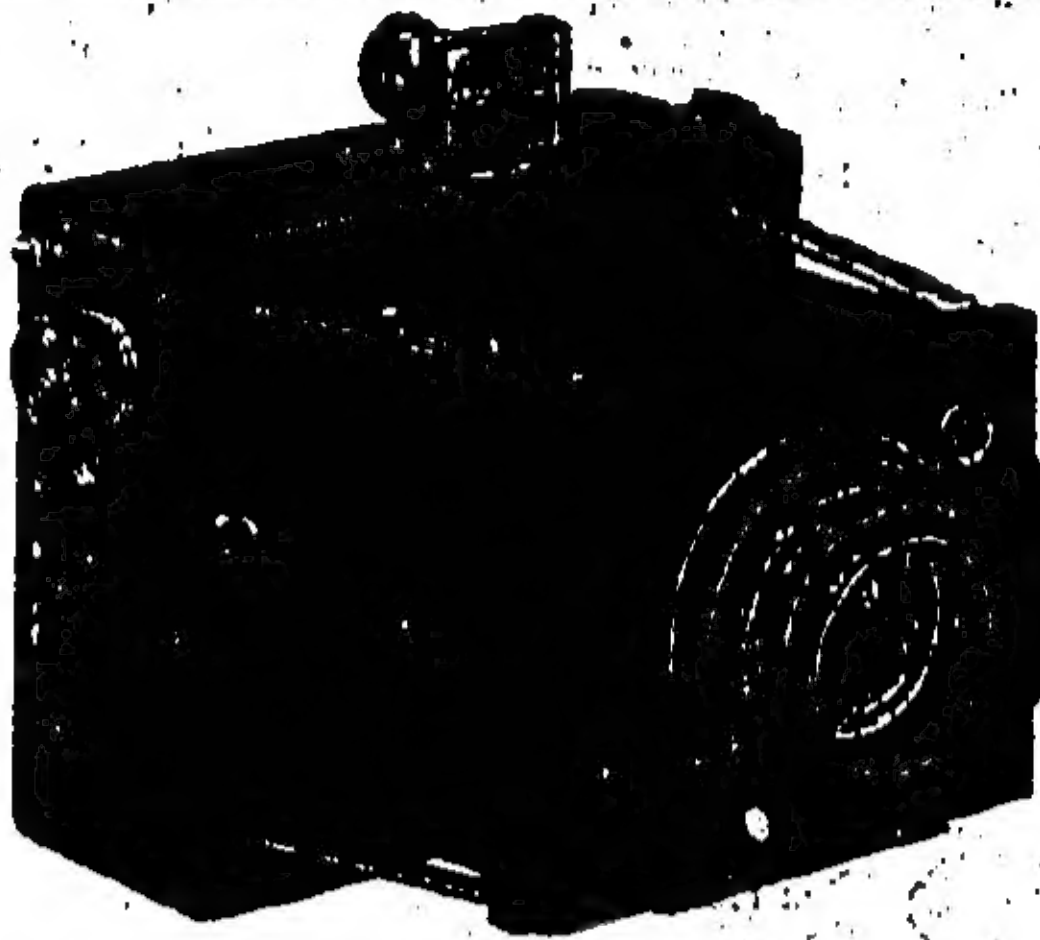


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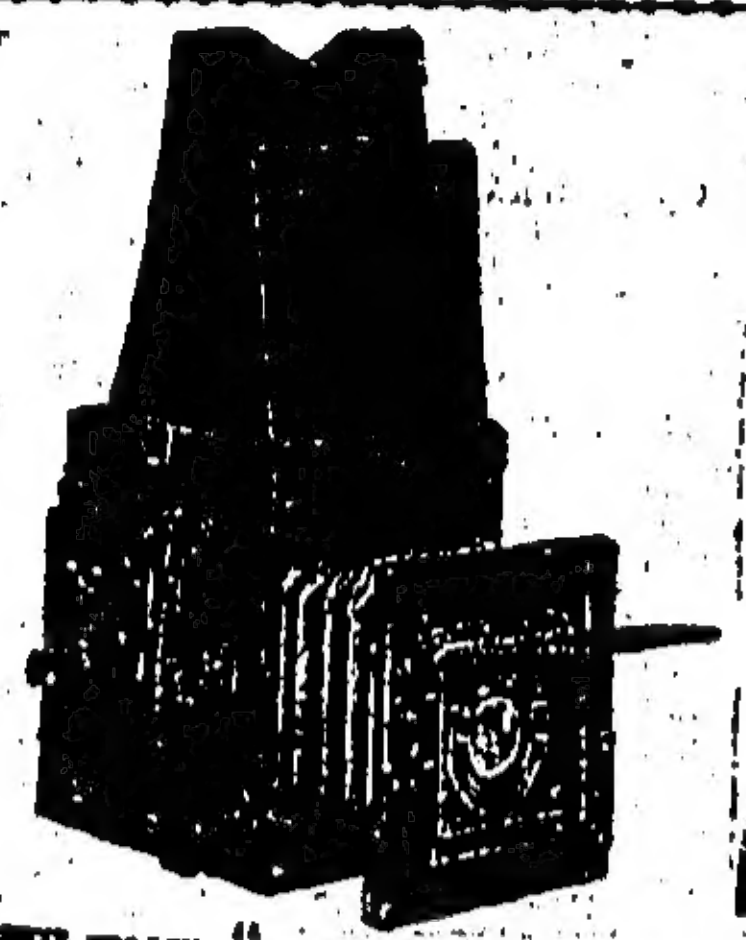
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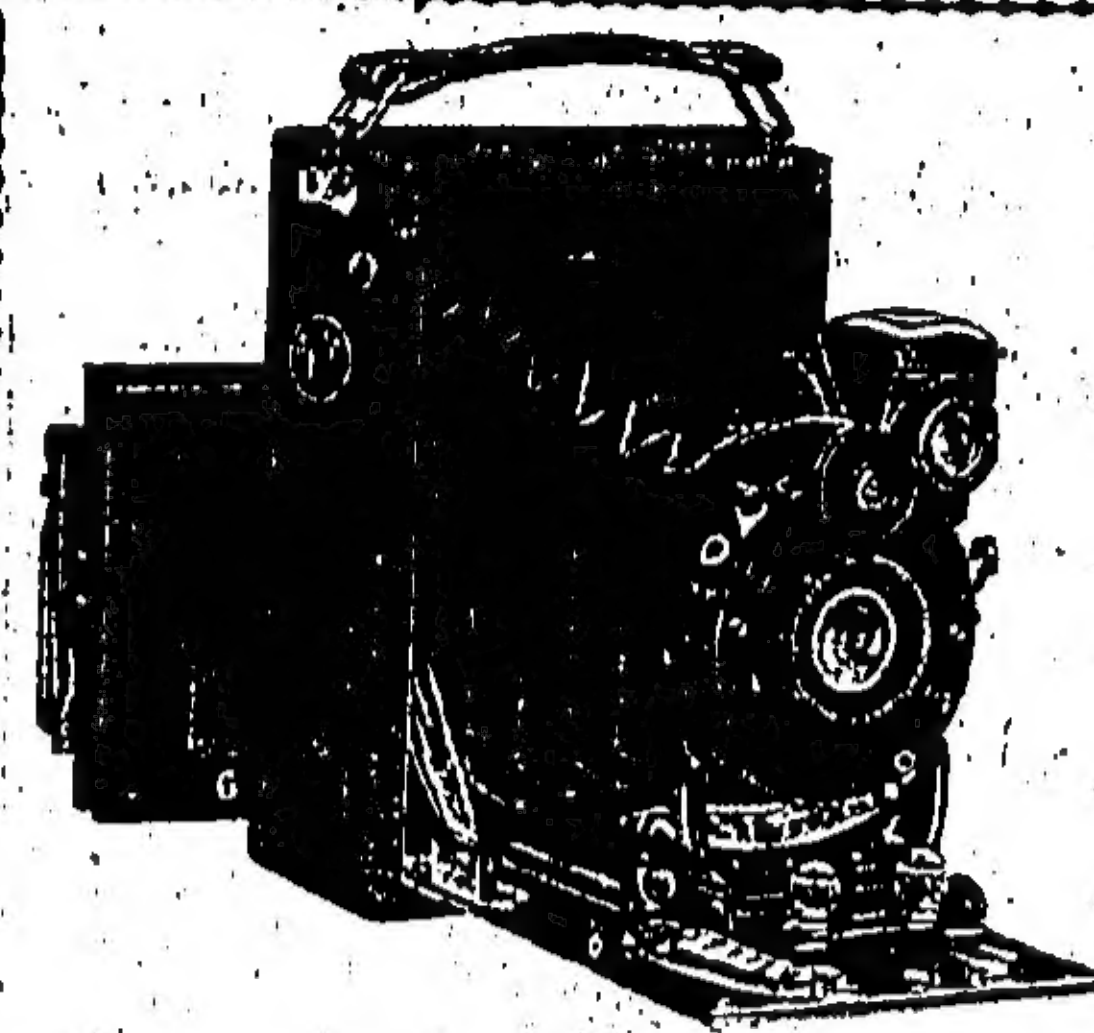
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### CRICKET

#### R.E. DEFEATED BY NAVY 2nd XI.

YESTERDAY'S LOW-SCORING GAME.

Starting off with six consecutive league victories, the Royal Engineers, who have a commanding lead in the junior division, received their first defeat in a low-scoring match at Happy Valley yesterday, the Navy 2nd XI. proving victorious dark-horses.

The leaders were without the services of Col. Butterworth, Redpath and Middleton.

Scores:—

Major Gandy, c Pomfret, b Leach	4
Lt. Cockell, b Leach	0
Capt. Chippendale, c and b Pomfret	9
C.S.M. Smith, b Pomfret	3
Q.M.S. Ramsey, b Pomfret	3
S/Sgt. Brown, b Pomfret	18
Sgt. Hamblin, b Leach	22
Q.M.S. Jacob, b Leach	15
Q.M.S. Turner, c Wilkins, b Pomfret	6
Lt. Winter, not out	6
Sgt. Cloughton, b Pomfret	6
Extras	9
Total	70

#### Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pomfret .....	9.3	1	21	6
Leach .....	9	0	40	4
NAVY 2ND XI.				
Lt. Simpson, c Gandy, b Jacob.				10
Marine Wilkins, l.b.w. Cockell.				10
Lt. Hughes, b Cockell				22
Lt. Ollerhead, run out				11
Surgeon-Lt. Pomfret, c Gandy, b Cockell				3
Lt. Harris, b Jacob				0
Pay-Lt. Hogg, c Brown, b Winter				18
Marine Leach, b Cockell				8
Commander Clayton, b Winter.				1
Mr. Bladen, c Guipendall, b Winter				0
Mr. Aris, not out				2
Extras				1

#### Bowling Analysis.

Jacob	11	0	46	2
Cockell	9	0	34	4
Winter	1.6	0	12	3

### COMMERCIAL NOTES.

#### NAM. PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

Based on usual guild terms, for "spot goods," this morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations were as follows:—

Java Sugar—per picul, net weight, No. 24 rough white \$16.30 per picul net, No. 24 fine white \$16.40, No. 18 rough brown \$15.73. Rice—per picul, gross weight for net, No. 1 Siam long white (superior) \$8.40, same grade, (new crop) \$8.35, No. 1 (ordinary) \$8.20. Flour—per sack of 50 lbs., Dayton \$2.83, Kwan Tao \$2.78, Mollise Fairy \$2.78, White Greens \$2.90, Nutmeg Orange \$2.85, Big Gun \$2.95, Sperry's XXX \$3.58, C. & C. \$2.85, Melon \$2.80.

#### MANCHESTER COMMENT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, under date November 7, write as follows:—

The special Bureau report on the American Crop as on October 25, issued on the 2nd inst., has been the outstanding feature of the week and has proved to be of considerable import in its effect on prices. The condition is given as 4.7 and the crop now estimated to be 10,249,000 bales only, which is 767,000 bales less than officially estimated a month ago. It is stated that unfavourable weather, exceptional insect damage, and the heaviest abandonment of acreage on record have caused this downward revision. Up to the time of issue the markets were nervous and sellers predominated but a quick change took place at once. In spite of the fact that the crop indicated was precisely as numerous private reports had forecasted the actual figures came as a rude shock to all the markets and a very serious view has been taken of them. Heavy buying from all quarters, trade, speculative and covering, set in immediately and the markets have been in an excited state. At Liverpool an advance of 1 1/2 d. per lb. has been registered and a new high level reached for the season. The close is very strong. There has been a readjustment of American spot prices also, the basis of the higher qualities being materially increased in comparison to the lower. In the Manchester market there has again been a large enquiry for cloth, almost all markets being stimulated into some activity. Offers are still numerous and the volume of business under negotiation shows no falling off. Prices continue to advance however very much more rapidly than offers; but although this has once more seriously restricted the actual turnover, some business and buyers are showing anxiety about the future. It is still too early to see whether the present level of prices is going to check trading especially as this depends mainly on the American domestic trade. There is no doubt, however, that if our trade had been in a healthy condition prices would now be much higher. In yarns there has been some export demand from India and the Levant prices are advanced 1 d. to 1 1/2 d. per lb. There has been a good demand from China, for greys, whites and fancies. India has bought dhooties heavily and there has been a large demand for shirtings, light goods prints and fancies. The smaller outlets have also been more active.

#### AMERICAN CONNECTIONS.

The local American Consulate General, forwards

Trade Inquiry List No. 157, as follows:—

The following is a list of American concerns in the United States which desire to establish connections with merchants or exporters in Hongkong. No responsibility is assumed as to the business standing of the persons or firms named.

Further information can be obtained, and catalogues consulted, at the Consulate General.

No. 1702.—Copper Ingots.—A. O. Brooks, 90 West Street, New York, desires to get in touch with firms importing copper ingots. Correspondence is invited.

No. 1703.—Pumping Equipment and House Lighting or Farm Light Equipment.—Rider-Ericson Engine Corporation, 24-26 Murray Street, New York, desires to get in touch with firms importing the above line. Correspondence is invited.

No. 1704.—Old Newspapers.—John Meehan and Son, 916 W. Dakota Street, Philadelphia, desire to get in touch with firms purchasing old newspapers. Correspondence is invited.

No. 1705.—Toilet Articles, Hair Nets and other Accessories.—The Bonale Co., Inc., 222 Fourth Avenue, New York, desires to get in touch with buyers of the above

### BRITISH CAMERAS.

#### SOME VERY NOTABLE FEATURES.

#### HONGKONG'S OPPORTUNITY.

Hongkong photographers will be very interested in the advertisement appearing in to-day's issue of the *China Mail* announcing a representative selection of the various types of Thornton-Pickard and Apem Cameras in stock in the Colony. The present selection is mainly of the Reflex and Press type of Focal Plane Shutter Cameras, and the well known T. P. College and Imperial Field Outfits, while further supplies of these models are on their way, and we understand will arrive very shortly. This fact will be duly announced in the *China Mail* at a later date.

The great features about both makes of Reflex Cameras are the fitting of the hinged hood, enabling easy access to be made to both the ground glass and the mirror (a great boon to users); the revolving back, double blockform, dark slides, and the focal plane shutters. On the T. P. models these are self-capping as of old, but the new and

distinct feature is the simple direct wind of the Shutter to any speed, which is so much more appreciated by observation than explanation. All popular makes of F. 4.5 Lenses can be fitted, and certain models have been built to take lenses working at F. 3.

The Marlon Soho Reflex is the pick of the selection, and is supplied in both tank (especially built for the Tropics) and mahogany, the latter leather covered. This leather covered Model is excellent for Hongkong, and considerably cheaper. The Soho is only to be seen to be thoroughly admired, and its many splendid movements duly appreciated. The shutter movement is delightful, while the mirror is fitted with the Kershaw patent, a ducking movement, allowing the "use of much shorter focus Lenses than could otherwise be fitted.

To those photographers who prefer the roll film camera, we would mention that the new selection arriving shortly is worthy of their interest, being manufactured of the new light and *Rustless* metal leather covered, with nickel plated struts, and fitted with roll film holders which swing outward for easy loading and unloading.

The All-Weather Press Camera is a collapsible focal plane camera,

with all the movements of the reflex camera, but with the advantage of being unable to view the picture, except through the usual type of view finder. This camera is supplied with a T.P. time valve, thus giving a range of automatic accurate exposures from 1/1000th of a second to 3 seconds, while a Ross Xpress F. 4.5 Lens, in focussing mount, together with three double blockform slides, makes a compact and commendable outfit, with the added advantage of being extremely easy to carry.

All types of camera are fitted with film pack adapters.

The monthly water return gives the storage in the reservoirs supplying the City as 2,023 million gallons on December 1 compared with 1,259 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption was 247 million gallons, against 182 million during November last year, being intermittent last year, and constant for three weeks out of the four this year. At Kowloon the storage is 363 million gallons against 334 million last year and the month's consumption on full supply both years, was 66 million gallons this year against 53 million gallons in November, 1925.

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Miss Mary Moore just snuffed her way into first prize in the Blue Grass Beauty Contest, in Lexington, where fast horses and pretty women have made Kentucky famous.



May Louise Coyle, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coyle, was awarded the first prize in the Better Babies Contest at the Boston Health Show. Her score was 99.5 per cent.



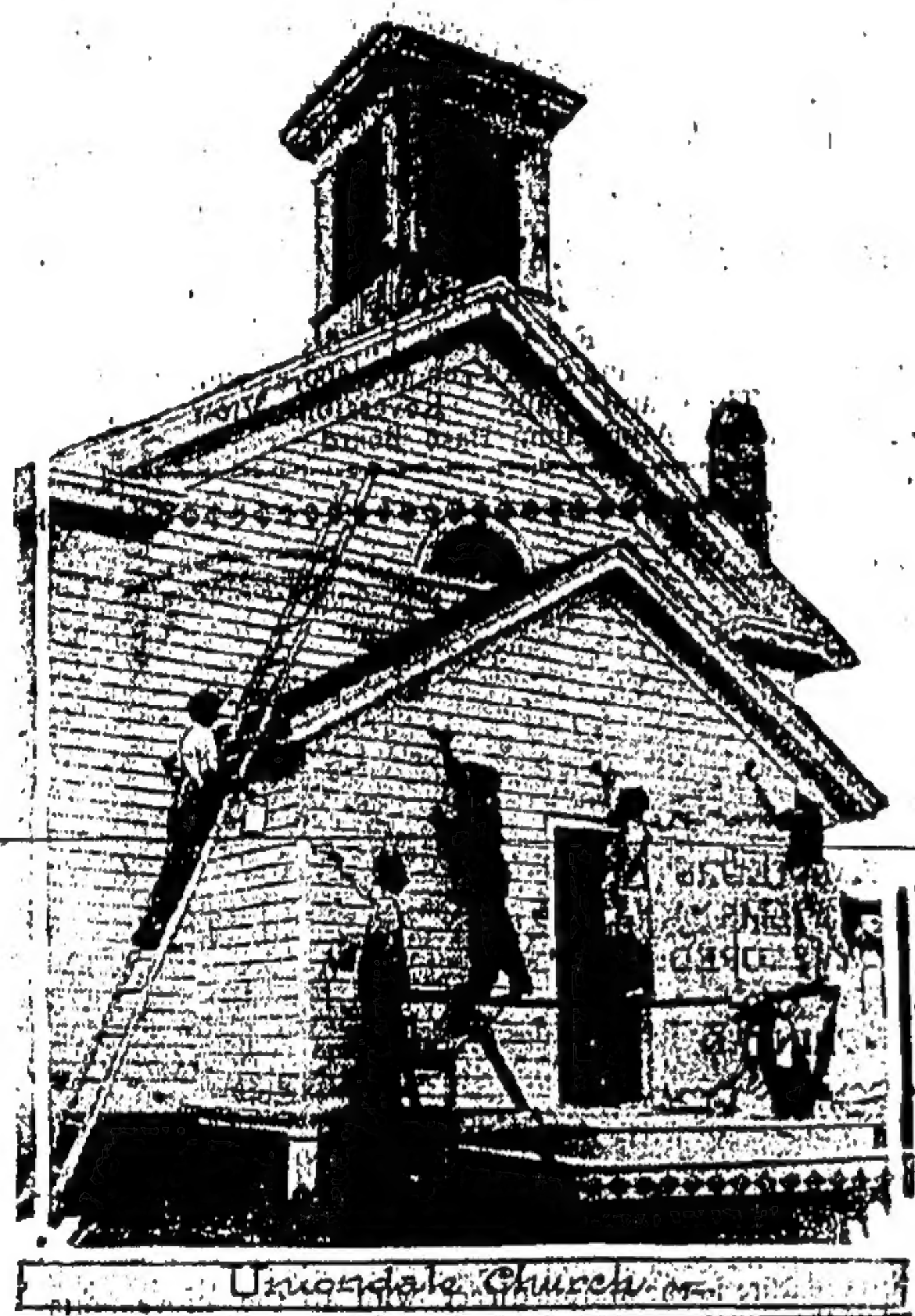
Mrs. May Van Alen Thompson, daughter of the self-ex-patriated millionaire, James J. Van Alen, is contesting her father's will, in which Mrs. Eleanor Baldwin Cass was bequeathed \$100,000 because she taught Van Alen to fence. Van Alen died in England, having gone there because prohibition became a law in the United States.



Pretty Miss Eleanor Levy, a New York City girl, graduate of the School of Applied Art, has returned to New York to prepare for her coming wedding to Charles Ginsberg, wealthy importer. Miss Levy's father, Harold A. Levy, is a rich cigar importer. While touring the South with her father, Miss Levy was awakened, in an Albany (Ga.) hotel, by a long-distance telephone call from Ginsberg, at 3:30 in the morning, and during the ensuing conversation they became engaged.



Above is shown Gloria June Esper, 5-month-old baby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Esper, of Riverport, Ill., selected from 4537 babies that have been examined and scored during eight annual "Perfect Babies Contests" in the State of Illinois. In these eight years Gloria was the first baby to be scored 100 per cent. perfect. The physicians declared she was the finest baby they had ever seen.



Glad in overalls, seventeen women spent three days painting the Uniondale Chapel at East Hempstead, Long Island, while the men-folk of the village stood around. All the feminine workers were members of the Ladies' Aid Society, which declared a strike against the high prices men painters asked to redecorate the church.



Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, noted for her progressive ideas, President of the New York City League of Women Voters, has demanded that at least 20 women be elected to the New York City Board of Aldermen, a body similar to city council. She has announced, too, that she will keep up her fight until women have representatives on the boards of every hospital and public institution.



A. Stroller Tobin, former Chicago house painter, who rose to the Presidency of the Far Eastern Republic of Siberia, has committed suicide in a Vladivostok jail, where he had been imprisoned by the Soviet on the charge of embezzlement. Tobin, whose real name was Alexander Krasnotshkov, was born in Kiev, Russia, 42 years ago and went to Chicago in flight from a decree by the Czar ordering him sent to Siberia for his political activities. When the Czar was killed Tobin returned to Vladivostok, edited a paper and rose high in politics. He was sent as a delegate to the All-Soviet Congress of Siberia and later became President of the Republic.



Mrs. Catherine L. Keller and Loretta Keller, her 16-year-old daughter, are pals as well as rivals in student activities and had lots of fun in attending the same freshman classes at the University of California, at Berkeley.



Here is an unusual picture of a Chinese coolie smoking his opium pipe on a junk in the upper Yangtze River.

His recent visits to the White House, followed by his defence of the President in answer to Governor Clifford Pitchot's attack on the wet question, has caused friends of Governor Henry T. Allen, of Kansas, to predict that he will be the Vice-Presidential nominee if Mr. Coolidge wins the Republican nomination for the Presidency.



David Lamar, dubbed "Wolf of Wall Street" because of his many notorious acts in the financial district, is back in the Essex County Penitentiary to serve a Federal sentence for violating the anti-trust laws in hampering the progress of the World War. Lamar escaped into Mexico, but was deported and arrested in Texas.



Ramus, famous French racehorse, was left at the post in the recent Goodwood Cup race in Paris, despite the efforts of Steve Donoghue, great English rider. Ramus has been known as a rogue horse—one that refused to start and always tried to kill his jockey. But Ramus has yielded now, for Mlle. Fanny Heldy, prominent turf-woman and owner of a racing stable took him over, and, under her feminine hand, he has been broken and makes his starts without further fuss. A great racing future is predicted for the horse.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

POLITICAL SITUATION.

London, December 12.  
Mr. Baldwin's decision to carry on confronts the Liberal and Labour Parties with a difficult situation, in view of their recognised antagonism. Neither party is likely to do anything to prevent the Government's defeat on the address, but both dislike the prospect of in anywise collaborating to enable the other to carry on if summoned to form a Government.

It is improbable that Mr. Baldwin will again dissolve Parliament, as the Party responsible for another dissolution is certain to be severely punished at the hands of the electors.

A number of Labour officials are confident regarding the ability of a Labour Government to carry on for at least six months, with a modified domestic and foreign programme, which the Liberals would be bound to support; but such a contingency would depend upon the attitude of the Labour disaffection, which is most uncertain.

A remark made by Lord Inchcape, in the course of his speech at the P. & O. meeting, that he did not share the apprehension with which many regarded Labour's advent to power, has furnished an opportune text for discussions on the political situation in the newspapers, which, with a few exceptions, base their calculations on the inevitability of a Labour Government with a few months.

There is but little indication at present of Liberal-Conservative co-operation. This is revealed in the Liberal newspapers, which disavow any intention of lifting a finger to save the Conservatives, although they regret the bitter hostility the Labourites are showing towards them.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in an article in the *New Leader*, rejoicing at the Labour triumph at the polls, declares that class and selfish interests in their passionate hate of Labour, have thrown off even the appearance of decency. He warns them that if their attempts to divide the nation on lines of property, be successful in keeping Labour out, the eventual result will be to bring in a Labour, far rougher in mind and temper, than that which won such signal victories last week.

London, December 12.  
A joint meeting of the Executive of the Labour Party and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, held in London, passed a resolution expressing complete confidence in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, also expressing confidence that if he be called upon to take high office he will have the support of the entire Labour movement.

The meeting also passed a resolution that, in view of the extreme gravity of unemployment the Government's plans to deal with this—the gravest of all the problems confronting the nation—should be immediately announced.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

London, December 12.  
It is officially announced that space open to exhibitors at the British Empire Exhibition has been practically all taken up.

The Palace of Industry was over applied for and only 14,500 sq. feet out of 301,637 sq. feet in the Palace of Engineering was unapplied for.

JAPANESE RELIEF MEASURES.

Tokyo, December 12.  
The Premier addressed both Houses of the Diet and referred to the circumstances under which the Cabinet was formed. He outlined the steps taken by the Imperial Government to afford relief for sufferers, and spoke feelingly of the debt of gratitude due by the entire Japanese nation to the nations abroad which had hastened to Japan's relief. He urged that the Japanese people endeavour to show their appreciation by exerting increased efforts to promote international friendship.

RESTORATION EXPENDITURE.

On the subject of restoration, the Premier said that the Government desired, primarily, to aid the people and confine expenditures within the limits of its resources. In this connection bills would be submitted to the special session of the Diet and general matters would be discussed at the opening of the regular session.

WASHINGTON'S ANCESTORS.

Philadelphia, December 12.  
At a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it was resolved to raise funds to preserve the home of Washington's ancestors at Sulgrave (England).

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

Washington, December 12.  
The Republican National Convention for the nomination of the Republican candidate for the Presidency will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.

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MEXICAN REBELLION.

VERA CRUZ, December 12.  
Rebel Headquarters claim that the towns of Merida and Progreso, in the Yucatan, have gone over to their side.

NANKING UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DESTROYED.

SHANGHAI, December 13.  
A telegram from Nanking states that a large quadrangle of the national South Eastern University was destroyed by fire yesterday.

NEW GOVERNOR OF HONAN.

PEKING, December 12.  
A mandate was issued last night relieving Chang Feng-tai of his position as Governor of Honan and appointing General Li Chi-chuan (Chief of Staff to General Wu Peifu) his successor.

SINGAPORE SCHEME.

LONDON, December 12.  
The *Daily News* interprets the announcement regarding Earl Cavan as a virtual abandonment of the Singapore scheme, pointing out that a large majority of Parliament are hostile to the scheme; but official quarters state that the change in plans is due to the desirability of Earl Cavan remaining in London to act as adviser in the event of new War Secretary being appointed.

COTTON TEXTILES.

LONDON, December 12.  
In a lecture at Manchester, Mr. J. Bingham, who has recently toured India and the Far East in the interest of makers of textile machinery, said that the best cotton mills in Bombay were mainly under European management. Many of these mills had an excellent appearance, but working conditions could be improved in many cases. The majority of these mills would be condemned by our own factory inspectors if only owing to the temperature and the humidity. He said that after noting the adverse working conditions in India and China, it was a real pleasure to visit the mills in Japan. Workers in the Japanese mills were energetic, cleanly and industrious, and the mills generally were excellently arranged, while their upkeep was good. He had little doubt but that the Japanese were the only nation in the Far East that had to be seriously reckoned with in the cotton trade.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tait's Quay during the years 1908-9.

December 8 to 14, 1923.

SUBSIDIARY COIN.		Denom.	Standard	Height	Standard	Height
			Weight		Weight	
100 cents sub.	... 10 %	mm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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25 " "	... 2 1/2 %	mm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
10 " "	... 1 1/4 %	mm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
5 " "	... 5/8 %	mm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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1 1/4 " "	... 1 1/8 %	mm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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Kingchow, (B. & S.) from  
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Swatow.—C36.

Kwongsang, (J. M. & Co.) from  
Swatow.—West Point.

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Batavia.—A5.

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Kobe.—C47.

Proa Jefferson, (Ad. Line) from  
Sangai.—Kowloon Wharf.

Fau Regard, (Sodiker) from  
Canton.—Kowloon Wharf.

Van Overstraten, (J.C.I.L.) from  
Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.

Rock Hong, (Strong Co.) from  
Hankow.—C47.

## DEPARTURES.

Devanha, (P. & O.) for Singapore.  
—December 14.

Hok Canton, (Hong On) Port  
Bavard.—December 14.

Takung, (J. M. & Co.) for  
Swatow.—December 14.

Halfong, (Douglas & Co.) for  
Swatow.—December 14.

Tillwong, (J.C.I.L.) for Batavia.  
—December 14.

Uwattina Maru, (Y.K.K.) for  
Keelung.—December 14.

The first prize at the Imperial  
Fruit Show at Manchester in the  
competition for packing 40lb. of  
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"HELENIUS" 18th Dec. London, Rotterdam and Hamburg  
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"DARDANUS" 31st Dec. London, Rotterdam and Hamburg  
"PATROCLOS" 8th Jan. Marseilles, London and Rotterdam

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)  
"DIOMED" 1st Jan. M'les, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"TITAN" 20th Jan. Genoa, M'les, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"CYCLOS" 1st Feb. M'les, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE

(via Kobe and Yokohama)  
"ACHILLES" 18th Dec. Victoria, Seattle and  
"PHILOCTETES" 4th Jan. Vancouver.

## NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)  
"CALCHAS" 23rd Dec. via Suez and Boston.  
"PELEUS" 15th Jan. via Suez and Boston.

## PASSENGER SERVICE

"HELENIUS" 7th Jan. for Shanghai  
"PATROCLOS" 8th Jan. for Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"HELENIUS" 4th Feb. for Singapore & London  
"THIRIAS" 11th Mar. for Singapore & Rotterdam  
"SARPEDON" 22nd Apr. Singapore, Marseilles & Rotterdam  
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Telegraphic Communication with Wagon Lighthouse has been restored.

OWING to the expected arrival of heavy mails from the United States this morning and to the closing of the parcel mail for London at noon, it will probably be impossible for the General Post Office staff to sort the incoming parcels by the Macedonia until Saturday forenoon the 15th inst.

The parcel branch of the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 16th inst. for the delivery of parcels.

## INWARD MAILS.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.**  
EUROPE (via Suez) Letters and Papers London 11th  
No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.**  
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mauritius,  
South Africa, India via Durratun-Nahar,  
Bombay, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE  
via MARSEILLE—due Marseilles 15th  
Jan. 1924. Ship sails at midnight 14th  
Dec. Parcel Post, Registration 4 p.m.  
Letters 5 p.m.  
Hobart and Wychow ..... 4.30 p.m.  
Bangkok ..... 5 p.m.  
Saigon ..... 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.**  
Hobart ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Yokohama ..... 8.30 a.m.

## WEATHER REPORT.

December 14th. 11h. 50m.—Pres-  
sure is nearly stationary over Indo-  
China. It has increased slightly in  
other districts.  
The anticyclone has strengthened  
slightly.  
Fresh monsoon may be expected  
along the S.E. coast of China and  
over the China Sea.  
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 108.51 inches,  
against an average of 82.45 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on December 14, 1923.  
1.—Forthrightly, N.E. winds,  
strong.  
2.—South coast of China between  
Hankow and Lanchow. N.E. winds,  
fresh; cloudy.  
3.—Coast of Japan to Bay of Tokyo. N.E. winds,  
fresh; cloudy.  
4.—South coast of China between  
Hankow and Lanchow. N.E. winds,  
fresh; cloudy.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,  
HONGKONG.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 14, 1923. a.m.

Station.	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Direction	Force
Victoria	30.05	71	71	N	1
Shanghai	30.05	71	71	N	1
Yokohama	30.05	71	71	N	1
Manila	30.05	71	71	N	1
Canton	30.05	71	71	N	1
Hankow	30.05	71	71	N	1
Shanghai	30.05	71	71	N	1
Yokohama	30.05	71	71	N	1
Manila	30.05	71	71	N	1
Canton	30.05	71	71	N	1
Hankow	30.05	71	71	N	1
Shanghai	30.05	71	71	N	1
Yokohama	30.05	71	71	N	1
Manila	30.05	71	71	N	1
Canton	30.05	71	71	N	1
Hankow	30.05	71	71	N	1
Shanghai	30.05	71	71	N	1
Yokohama	30.05	71	71	N	1
Manila	30.05	71	71	N	1
Canton	30.05	71	71	N	1